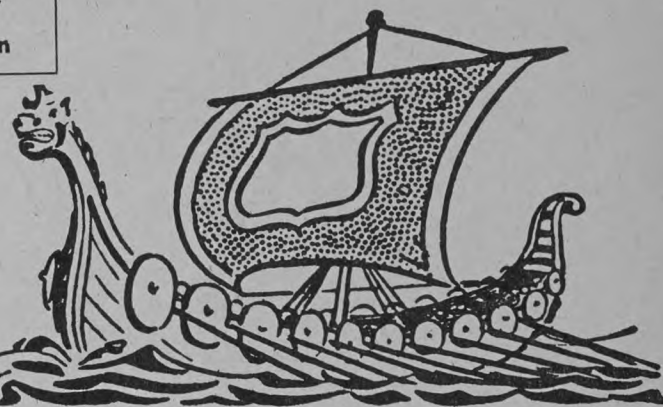




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SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

"SCANDAPADES '72"

"MEMORIES OF SCANDINAVIA"
Something For Everyone

By Knut Svidal

You will laugh, you will wipe a tear, you will gasp, you will be proud to be a Scandinavian as you watch "Scandapades '72".



Ballet and young folk are not all to Scandapades.

The script, written by Les Morris, takes the audience cleverly through Scandinavia. Performers provide a true cross-section of entertainment in comedy, music — both vocal and instrumental — dancing of many types and a de-

lightful dialogue. A complement to the show is the pit orchestra under the direction of Lilly Taylor Boyer.

The stage settings, designed by Allan Larsen, will add to your enjoyment of "Scandapades '72".

Under the direction of Jack McCreath, Scandapades will move from scene to scene, situation to situation, in a pleasing and articulate, dramatic manner.

If you have visited Sweden, Iceland, Norway, Finland, or Denmark you will love Scandapades; and if you have not been to Scandinavia, attend Scandapades and whet your appetite for a future trip.

"Scandapades '72", the finest Scandinavian show to date, is sponsored by the Scandinavian Centre. Get your tickets now at the box offices of all Woodward's stores, McCauley Plaza and Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre, as well as the Scandinavian Centre or any Scandinavian group.



Other talented performers.

KING OF DENMARK DIES

By Vera Nielsen

The sad news came to us, that our beloved King Frederik died on Fri., Jan. 14 after nearly 25 years as Denmark's democratic Monarch. His 31 year old daughter, Margrethe, a modern-style mother of two, has ascended to the throne that stretches back 1000 years to the Vikings. On behalf of the Danish people, the Danish Society "DANIA" sent the following cablegrams:

"To Her Majesty Queen Ingrid of Denmark, Amalienborg, Copenhagen.

On behalf of the Danish Society "DANIA", Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, may we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family at the loss of your beloved husband, King Frederik IX. The Honor and affection bestowed on the King by his subjects, was one of the best measures of his worth.

Wherever in the world, Danes grieve with you."

Claus Jacobsen.
President.

"Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Amalienborg, Copenhagen.

On behalf of the Danish Society "DANIA", Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, may we extend our deepest sympathy at the loss of your dear father, King Frederik IX.

It will now surely be known, that the hearts of all Danes will stand guard around their Queen.

The King is dead — Long Live the Queen."

Claus Jacobsen
President

King Frederik was stricken with influenza on New Year's Day, suffered a heart attack Jan. 3 and had been in hospital since.

Seven members of the royal family kept a vigil at the hospital for more than eight hours before his death.

They were his Swedish-born wife, Queen Ingrid, 62; the new Queen Margrethe II and her French-born husband, Prince Henrik; Princess Benedikte, 27, the king's second daughter and her husband, German Prince Richard; and Queen Anne-Marie, 25, the king's youngest daughter, and her husband, exiled King Constantine of Greece.

Margrethe had signed a solemn declaration at the age of 18 that she would adhere to the constitution. This cleared the way for her automatic succession on her father's

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YEARLY EVENT ELECTS DIRECTORS Six Vacancies for Directorships

By Leslie L. Morris

The Annual Shareholders Meeting and election of directors for the Scandinavian Centre will take place on Tues., Feb. 15. The meeting is held each year on the third Tuesday in February.

Normally there are four directors to be voted in each year as they have completed their three year term. This year, however, there are six vacancies — two directors having resigned.

The two directors who have resigned are Tom Oster and Bengt Kristiansson. Both were elected last year.

Bengt Kristiansson resigned because of his work. He finds he is unable to spend as much time as is required along with his activities with Vasa Lodge Skandia. Bengt is co-ordinator for Scandapades '72 but will continue in this capacity until after Feb. 26.

Tom Oster has resigned because of ill health. He feels he should take his doctor's advice and have fewer activities.

The nominating committee, under the chairmanship of Bill Halldorson, has put forth six names. Other nominations will come from the floor of the meeting. Anyone at the meeting may nominate someone for the directorship, and any names so nominated will be put along with the others and voted on.

The following are the names put up by the nominating committee along with a short sketch about them:

SOREN SORENSON. Born in Denmark. Came to Canada at an early age. He resides in St. Albert with his wife, Anne, and three children. He is a hairstylist by trade. Soren filled in as a director for a part of 1971 as a replacement for Gary Johnson.

ALLAN LARSEN. Single, lives in Edmonton. Is a draftsman and architectural technologist. His hobby is photography. He has done a lot of work with Scandapades, assisting primarily in stage backdrops, etc.

W. (BILL) PETERSON. Manitoba born, of Icelandic origin. He got his degree in accounting at the University of Manitoba. Came to Edmonton in 1951, and is now Manager Financial Services with the Steel Co. of Canada. Lives in

the Strathearn area with his wife, Edith, and four children.

OLE KNUDSEN. Born in Denmark. Came to Edmonton in the mid-fifties. He is manager of Odgaard & Knutsen Contractors (Masonry). He is past president of the Danish Church, Masonry Contractors and the Allendale community league. He and his wife, Nanna, live on the south side and have a son and daughter, both married.

CLAUS JACOBSEN. Born in Denmark. Came to Edmonton in the fifties. Claus has been a director of the board for three years and is starting his fourth year as president of the Danish Society, Dania. Is department manager at the House of Modern. Claus and his wife, Herta, live in Edmonton and have seven children, one married.

BARNEY THORLAKSON. Manitoba born of Icelandic parents. Came to Edmonton in 1967 and is manager of S. E. Johnson Plumbing & Heating. Barney and his wife, Jean, have two children.

If there are no other nominations these six will automatically become directors by acclamation.

Mr. Halldorson says "these men are all community minded people and we, the committee, feel that they would serve the Centre to the best of their ability."

He continued: "It is of utmost importance that we get a good turnout at the Annual Meeting so that the shareholders are able to vote for the candidate of their choice. Naturally, nominations will be taken from the floor, and with anticipated expansion of the Centre a necessity, it is important that we get a good turnout, and as well, electing the best people possible to fulfil the obligation of their of-

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GRANTS FOR MULTICULTURAL PROJECTS

On Oct. 8, 1971, Prime Minister Trudeau announced a new multicultural policy for Canada. This policy is designed to support ethnic cultural groups and to encourage them to develop and share their culture.

In aid of this new policy, the

federal government has made available \$3 million for the period up to March 31, 1973, for various programs to be undertaken by the National Museum of Man, the National Film Board, the National Library and the Public Archives;

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

By Claus Jacobsen

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Once again it is time for the shareholders to elect new directors for the board of The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association. It will be done at the Annual Shareholders Meeting Tues., Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Viking Room at the Scandinavian Centre. Please, Shareholders, be there and cast your ballot for the ones you believe will do the job you like to see done. For your pleasure, coffee and lunch will be served. See you on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

It isn't always a picnic, even if you are the director in charge of the Annual Scandinavian Day Picnic. There are dates to be considered, places to be selected and programs to lay out regarding sports activities and entertainment within the five Scandinavian groups. Lots of prayers to the weatherman for good weather must be done, to make the day a success.

It is a little easier to be in charge of Sharesales. At the moment it is just a matter of having all applications ready and presented at the board meetings each month.

The Director in charge of Scandapades has got a job and a half, especially now, just a month before the show at the Jubilee Auditorium on the last Saturday in February.

"Scandapades '72" Co-ordinator Bengt Kristiansson has a full time job with Scandapades this year — arranging for someone to look after ticket sales, publicity, lower floor, lunch display and the entire program on stage. It is only once a year that Scandapades is staged in the Jubilee Auditorium, but it takes the whole year, almost, to prepare for a good show.

"Memories of Scandinavia" Scandapades '72 is well underway with practices at the Centre Sundays and Tuesdays. Memories of Scandinavia often become hazy and blurred in one's mind as years pass and his homeland has not been seen for some time. Many Scandinavians return to their homelands for holidays and yet others have not been there before. It is always a happy occasion when many travel together whether it is for the first time or not.

You must see "Memories of Scandinavia" Sat., Feb. 26 and then you may want to revisit Scandinavia yourself. If you do, book a seat on our Charter Flight either to Oslo May 27 - June 25, or Copenhagen July 10 - August 28, and with a Eurailpass (contact one of the travel agencies advertising in this paper) you travel 1st CLASS in all of Scandinavia (except Iceland and Finland) plus almost all other countries in Europe.

RADIO REPORT

Listen to the Scandinavian Show on Radio Station CFCW Camrose every Saturday morning at 10:30 — 790 kc on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25.

Scandinavian Centre Culture Director Marg Cameron will give the report during the month of February. If you have any news for the broadcast, please call Margaret at

Radio Reporter



MARGARET CAMERON

455-2064. The report in March will be given by The Scandinavian Centre News Managing Editor, Les Morris.

Annual Meeting

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fice and to have the best interests of the Centre at heart."

The four directors who will be leaving the board because they have completed their term of office are Gunnar Thorvaldson, Paul Karvonen, Claus Jacobsen and Gary Johnson, who resigned earlier in the year because he is now in Europe.

Those remaining on the board who have still time to serve are Bruno Spenrath, Herb Vigfusson, Margaret Cameron, Ellsworth Halberg and Henry Logan.

The meeting is being held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre at 14220 - 125 Ave. with registrations starting at 7:30 p.m. A good turnout is expected, so come early to get a good seat.

List of names of presidents of respective Scandinavian societies in Edmonton:

DANISH — Claus Jacobsen, 10981 - 164 St., 489-1494

FINNISH — Sirkka Ristola, 13013 - 82 St., 476-3483

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SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE — Gunnar Thorvaldson, 6012 - 101A Ave., 466-1570

VALENTINE

BY FRANCES
GORMAN RISSE

V erses, rhymes, or just
plain words,
A rrows, ribbons, hearts,
and birds,
L acy edges, silver, gold,
E legant, or gay, or bold,
N ew style, old style, funny,
cute,
T rimmed with cupids,
flowers, fruit,
I n the long run each is fine,
N othing matters but the
line—
E ver be my Valentine!

Flu Not Epidemic In Alberta

Health and Social Development Minister, the Honourable Neil Crawford, does not anticipate a flu epidemic in Alberta.

Mr. Crawford says that departmental medical advisors have confirmed a variety of influenza in the province, but no epidemic is anticipated. However, those persons who missed the "flu" a year ago appear to be the ones coming down with the variety this year.

Dr. William Watt, Director of Medical Health Services, stated 'influenza has been reported the past few months from several countries in Europe, Britain, and recently in the U.S.A. and Canada. In the past two or three weeks, five of the fifty United States have reported isolating variety A2 of the Hong Kong Flu. This variety has also been isolated in 12 cases in Ontario and three in Saskatchewan. To date, no cases have been isolated in Alberta's provincial labs, but tests are continuing daily on various specimens."

"The department has received word that a larger than usual outbreak of the flu has been reported in Calgary, but it appears in most instances to be fairly mild. A number of these afflicted were reporting upper respiratory problems. The influenza outbreak was first reported to the department from the Red Deer area, and since then from north to Edmonton, Fort McLeod and most recently Calgary. The outbreak of the flu appears to be in small, localized developments, and not in epidemic proportions."

Persons suffering from a severe cold or mild influenza should stay home and in bed so that the flu germ is not spread. Should the condition become severe with high temperature and heavy coughing, medical attention should be sought.

Elderly persons who have chronic respiratory and heart problems, and others with a diabetes condition, should consult with their family physicians regarding yearly flu shots to give them extra protection so that complications do not develop into pneumonia.

What's 2½ trillion red cells among Friends?

Men have 30 trillion red cells in their blood, women only 27½ trillion.

The human circulatory system was first discovered in 1616.

Adult humans contain about 12 pints of blood.

A quarter of a million people receive blood in some form during a year in Canada.

A major operation can require up to 20 pints of blood to be transfused

The red cells which give blood its color are 1/3000th of an inch in diameter. The rest of the blood is a pale straw color.

No Increase In Alberta Taxes

There will be no increase in provincial income tax in Alberta despite the implementation by the Federal government of the income tax reform bill that went into effect Jan. 1st.

Provincial Treasurer, the Honourable Gordon Miniely, said that under the Federal government's tax reform legislation it is necessary to change the rate, because under tax reform the provincial income tax is now calculated as a percentage of the Federal tax, whereas previously provincial tax was calculated as a percentage of the aggregate federal-provincial tax.

At least one other province has announced an increase in income tax under the Federal government's tax reform bill, but there is no intention of increasing provincial income tax in this province.

Legislation will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Alberta Legislature to amend the Alberta Income Tax to permit the accommodation of the changes contained in the Federal Income Tax Reform Bill.

D. Leif Erickson Resigns

Honourable James L. Foster, Minister of Advanced Education, announces the appointment of Edmonton businessman Haughton Thompson as Acting Chairman of the Universities Commission, following the resignation of D. Leif Erickson.

Mr. Thompson's appointment as Acting Chairman of the Universities Commission is effective January 1st, 1972.

SONG FOR FEBRUARY

by Solveig Paulson Russell

Come sit before the hearthstone.
It's February weather:
A time for cozy gathering
Of friendly folk together,
A time when nothing's pressing
That simply must be done,
A time for cheerful bantering,
And tale-talk to be spun.
Come sit before the hearthstone
And watch the embers glow.
Enjoy the cheery comfort
Before departing snow;
Enjoy the peaceful respite
That February brings
Before the earth starts stretching
And growing season springs.

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Men die; devices change; success and fame run their course, but within the walls of even the smallest library in our land lie treasures — the wisdom and the wonder of man's greatest adventures on this earth.

Sons of Norway Solglyt Lodge No. 143, Edmonton

Olaf Sveen, Edmonton

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomsen, Eugene, Oregon

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



By Joyce Hawkes

The January meeting was held at the Centre on Jan. 8 with Lennart Petersson in the chair. Members reported sick were as follows: Gordon Samuelson, Carl Samuelson, John Bergstrom, John Jarret, Bill McMaster, Millie Weiss, Linnea Christianson, Grace Maxwell and Martha Dahl. Martha Dahl is in the Camsell Hospital, should any of her friends care to visit her.

Br. Maxwell donated and transported sand for a new sandbox in the children's playground at the lake. This was much appreciated by all.

Br. Bengt Kristiansson gave an interesting talk on "Arts and Crafts" in Sweden.

The Land Committee consists of the following: Emil Weiss, Clarence Berg, Eric Pierre, Harold Markstrom, Len Eliasson, Betty Pearson and Don Johnson.

The new officers for year 1972 were installed.

Remember that the 1972 presentation of Scandapades will be presented on Feb. 26 at the Jubilee Auditorium. It starts at 8:00 p.m. and the tickets are \$2.50. Contact Harold Markstrom at 475-8438 for tickets. From all reports, the show will be very enjoyable. Don't forget all that good food you will be able to have. Contact Minnie Markstrom about the food.

Greetings of the season came from Ida Tell, Sonja Bergstrom, Harriet Nyland, Karen Larsson and Fred, Ella and Michael Skoog.

Lunch was provided by Anna Sund, Buelah Hinton, Ranghild Johnson and Joan Okerman. Yummy as usual.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. — Regular meeting of the Lodge. A film and a speaker from the Heart Foundation, will follow the meeting.

Saturday, February 19 at 8:00 p.m. — Ladies Auxiliary meeting at

the home of Br. and Sr. John Ogren at 9015 - 91 Street.

Saturday, March 25 — The Icelandic, Finnish and Swedish Hop in the Viking Room.

Saturday, March 4 — Regular meeting of the Lodge. A wine and cheese tasting party will follow, hosted by Martha and Bill Kay.

VASA GLIMPSES

Minnie and Harold Markstrom spent Christmas at Slave Lake visiting daughter Judy and Calvin Cartwright. Neil and Noreen were along also.

Mr. Emil Johnson has gone to the coast for a visit. Evelyn and Don Johnson left last weekend for points south for 6 weeks. Phoenix will be the first stop.

Linnea Lodge spent a few days in hospital during the latter part of January. Hope everything is well, Linnea.

Dean Lindberg spent 2 weeks in the Arctic in connection with his job.

WANTED to borrow for Scandapades: DALA HORSES — large ones preferred. If you can oblige, please phone Gertrude Holmgren at 799-3111.

The next meeting of the Children's Club will be on Feb. 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Centre.

Britth Dejereth and Olle Anell, cousins of May Rushton, visited her from Dec. 22 to 29. They are from Stockholm, Sweden. From here they went to Hawaii. According to May, they are still there.

A few close friends gave Gus Johnson a birthday party on his 70th birthday. This took place on Jan. 15. A good time was had by all, playing a game called "Garbage" and eating good food.

NOTICE: If you have any small items that depict the provinces of Sweden, please phone your Correspondent at 488-8774. I wish to borrow them for display at Scandapades. I will be glad to pick them up from you.

LINDA NELSEN IN SWEDEN

From "Kristianstadsbladets"

Translated by Gertrude Holmgren

Janne "Jack" Nilsson from Kyrkhult in Osby? Of course many Osby residents remember him but it's a few years since he went "over there" to find his fortune in the promised land. Now he is a farmer in the Edmonton district in Canada, and he has a sweet daughter. Yes, she is very sweet and a representative of the Scandinavians in Edmonton — Miss Scandinavian Centre. Linda Nelsen is her name, 20 years old and a future teacher. As Miss Scandinavian Centre she received a prize of a trip to Sweden.

Through a coincidence, The Kristianstadsbladets employee happened to find the beauty and through this chance meeting Linda found many of her father's friends. Osby is small and Canada big. Who could think of finding a needle in a large haystack?

Janne's daughter has never before set foot on Swedish soil and there were so many things she wanted to see in Janne's homeland. The relatives drove her around to see all the different places and naturally Janne's birthplace should be visited in Kulhult. Farbror (uncle) Gunnar Nilsson, now residing in Osby, came along to explain about

things. This was his first meeting with his niece.

The competition which gave her the title, Miss Scandinavian Centre, was arranged by the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton and the five Scandinavian countries which it represents.

An airline made the gift of a trip.

Miss Linda has not only seen Sweden. She first flew to London, then to Malmo, Stockholm and Alvesta to visit relatives she had never before met.

Linda liked Sweden. Here she would like to live. It was clean and neat. This was the first thing she noticed upon her arrival.

It was about 1927 when Janne Nilsson from Kulhult took the boat to Canada, and there he farms. He has lots and lots of pigs. "How many? I don't know. I've never had time to count them," said Linda.

Linda's future is teaching. She attends university but intends to take a year off to work and is now employed at an airline in Edmonton.

Lastly, let's mention that Linda's father and mother were home to Sweden in 1967 to visit relatives and friends.

Gunnar Persson

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Did you know that among the many wise sayings of Abraham Lincoln is this thought-provoking gem: "I have noticed that folks are generally about as happy as they have made up their minds to be."

community to which they are directed.

In addition, preference will be given to specific projects and programs rather than to applications for funds to help meet organizations' operating expenses.

Original and innovative projects are welcomed and equal priority will be given to projects submitted by well established organizations and by new or small organizations without formal structures.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

To apply for a grant under the multiculturalism program, complete the application form which is available from the nearest regional Citizenship office of the Department of the Secretary of State. All questions which apply to your project or organization must be answered, then submit it to the regional office in the area.

Groups planning projects for which funds are required prior to March 31, 1972 should ensure that their completed application forms are submitted before February 15. These submissions will be assessed in March, and groups will be notified of their projects' acceptance or rejection before the end of that month.

If you require any assistance or guidance in planning your project or completing the application form, please contact the nearest regional office of the Department.

The Assistant Under Secretary of State said:

"We look forward to hearing any comments you may have on this program and will keep you informed of any further developments regarding the federal government's multicultural policy which may be of interest to you."

Local Field Office of the Citizenship Branch:
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Tel. 429-2871

SPORTS CORNER

By Ole Jensen

On Dec. 21 Dania played against Croatia. Dania played very well but failed to score and the game ended 0-0. This is the first time that I remember seeing Dania tie a game 0-0.

On Jan. 7 Dania played against Bristol Newts. After a strong start it looked like Dania had the game but the game ended 3-2 for Bristol Newts. Horst Daffner and Walter Mlinaritsch scored the goals.

On Jan. 11 Dania played against Edmonton Thistle and did very well by winning the game 6-0. Otto Berg scored four goals and Walter Mlinaritsch scored two.

Top scorer in the Indoor League is Otto Berg with six goals and he also scored five goals in an exhibition game against Universe, played at the Kinsmen Fieldhouse Dec. 17. Second, with five goals, is Walter Mlinaritsch.

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GRANTS FOR MULTICULTURAL PROJECTS

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and for other programs, including a grants program, to be administered by the Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State.

Under the grants program, slightly more than \$1 million is available to organizations undertaking projects which fall within the objectives of the federal government's multiculturalism policy. The purpose of this letter is to outline the criteria which must be met by applicants, to identify the kind of projects which are given preference, and to explain how to apply for a grant.

CRITERIA

For a project to qualify for a grant, the organization planning it must meet the following criteria:

- Its project must be on behalf of a cultural group which has demonstrated its desire and ability to develop its culture within the Canadian context and to contribute to modern Canadian society.
- It must demonstrate its need for financial assistance in order to carry out its project.
- It must initiate the project for which a grant is requested and the project must be carried out by its members.
- It must demonstrate its capacity

to complete the project as outlined in its grant application. This requires that the project be well planned and that the organization be committed to carrying it out.

- It must agree to submit a report within two months of the completion of the project, stating the number of participants in the project and giving details of the projects financing, results and success in meeting its objectives. Interim reports will be required in the case of long-term projects.

PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

In evaluating grant applications, preference will be given to projects which have some or all of the following characteristics:

- Those which meet the government's stated multiculturalism policy objective of assisting "the development of those cultural groups which have demonstrated a desire and effort to continue to develop, a capacity to grow and contribute to Canada, as well as a clear need for assistance.
- Those which are designed to share a cultural heritage with other Canadians.
- Those which promote awareness of Canada's cultural diversity.
- Those which have the participation and financial support of the

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



By Selma Sorenson

COMING EVENT

Saturday, February 12:
Meeting 7:30 p.m. sharp, dance 9 p.m.

Sons of Norway will hold their Valentine Dance at the Scandinavian Centre on Sat., Feb. 12 at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome. All members are urged to attend a business meeting preceding the dance at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

The Christmas Party on Dec. 19 was attended by many Sons of Norway parents and their children. Several of the children performed in the program which was most enjoyable. Santa arrived with his usual good humor and bag of treats. Following this everyone sat down to a delicious pot luck supper.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Betty Haugen and family on the recent passing of her father.

Mrs. Mathilda Mjaatveit was hospitalized recently. We are happy to report that she is home again feeling better.

Mrs. Marion Aasgard is recovering nicely following surgery at the General Hospital.

Mr. Ole Borgerson flew home to Norway for Christmas to be with his wife and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cook will be returning home soon. They have spent an enjoyable two week holiday in Hawaii.

Mrs. Irene Hovde expresses appreciation to Sons of Norway for the card and flowers she received while in the hospital.

Congratulations to Mrs. Emma Bredesen who, on Jan. 4, celebrated her 87th birthday.

Mrs. Ella Searl is happy to be home again after a lengthy hospitalization.

The most recent word on Mrs.

Molly Cooper is that she hopes to be home soon. She has been convalescing at the Glenrose for some time following her car accident on Nov. 7.

Off to Aklavik! That is the word at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Berg. They and their family leave shortly and we wish them every success and happiness in their new home.

Mr. Harry Mjaatveit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Mjaatveit, was married to Miss Marilyn Gropko in Saskatoon, Sask. on Jan. 8. The young couple will make their home in Saskatoon.

The correspondent for February will be Mrs. Lois Halberg. If you have any news to report please phone her at 466-9344.

For three years it has been my responsibility to see that the news for Sons of Norway was submitted to the Scandinavian Centre News by the 15th of each month. It has been my pleasure to have a different correspondent each month. At this time I would like to say "thank you" to each one of them for their wonderful co-operation. My successor is Mrs. Elva Veis. I know she will be very capable and wish her every success.

Sons of Norway Bowling

The first half of the 8 team bowling season concluded in December with Thore Selvig's Vikings in first place. Along with Thore Selvig is Walter Meyer, Marion Iverson, Marius Johansen and Lois Halberg.

Second place went to the Midnight Suns with Myrle Travis as the team captain, with Ruth Logan, Barbara Melsness, John Marko and Isabelle Mjaatveit.

SCORES TO DATE

Ladies: Hi-Average — Betty McKevitt 196.

Hi-Triple—Isabelle Mjaatveit 691

Hi-Single — Betty McKevitt 326

Men: Hi-Average — Ed Veis 212.

Hi-Triple — Myrle Travis 835.

Hi-Single — Myrle Travis 355.

Winners of the Christmas bowling turkeys were Barbara Melsness and Lief Anderson. Prizes for high single, double and triple went to Lloyd Steen, Lois Halberg, Doreen Melsness and Ed Veis. Hidden score prizes were also given out.

Spare bowlers are needed, if you would like to come out for an enjoyable night of bowling, Tues., 9 p.m. Windsor Bowl, please call Lois Halberg at 466-9344.

On Books and Articles

The publisher of Reidar Dittmann's NORWAY — A Study of the Educational System of the Kingdom of Norway and a Guide to the Placement of Students from Norway in United States Educational Institutions has informed us that the correct price for this book is \$2.00. Orders accompanied by payment may be sent to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, One Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 330, Washington, D.C. 20036.

A fanatic is anybody who is highly enthusiastic about something in which you aren't remotely interested.

What It's All About

By Gary Johnson

FOREWARD

In this edition I would like to share with you some thoughts on "living" and "learning". Many thanks to my good friend, Alan Trombetta, from Detroit, Michigan, whose thoughts and discoveries have aided me and are present in this article.

Life is full of struggles for high ideals and personal happiness.

These struggles exist everywhere within our society because our society's standards control the person rather than the person controlling the society.

The average man knows what he wants to be as a person, but he is forever stymied by the pressure and control of his social environment.

And then there is Mr. Constant Searcher. He is often called a radical and a weirdo by society. He does not feign affection to those around him — he must feel it. He does not find new knowledge and

new experiences a burden — he thrives on them.

Mr. Constant Searcher forever strives for better understanding of himself and his fellowman.

He knows fear, hate, insecurity and humility but he controls them. They do not control him. To live fully he knows he must experience all human feelings.

Mr. Constant Searcher knows that he must take control of his life and be his own best guide. This is quite different from the uninvolved, controlled, guided people he sees crowded around him in a mass of sameness.

He does not falter and succumb to society because he knows that somewhere out there traversing a problem, a language or a strange city, there are people like him trying to live, trying to be, to answer, to know, to question, to create their very own person in the world.

"Living fully does not necessarily mean living comfortably."

Kingdom Of Norway 1100 Year Anniversary In 1972

The kingdom of Norway is 1100 years old in 1972, and the anniversary will be celebrated throughout the country. Norway was ruled by a number of local chieftains during the early Viking Age, and the most powerful king in the ninth century was Halvdan Svarte, whose kingdom extended from Oslo to Sogne fjord. He died by drowning when his son, Harald, was only 10 years old, but the young pretender declared that he would let his hair grow until Norway was united into one kingdom. He set out in his Viking longships and won the final battle in 872 in Hafs fjord near Stavanger in Norway's Fjord Country. This marked the birth of the Kingdom of Norway, founded by King Harald the Fairhaired.

Celebrations of the 1100th anniversary will be highlighted in Oslo on May 17 — Norway's Constitution Day — and in Stavanger on June

17, when King Olav V will be the guest of honor.

The new trend among visitors to Scandinavia is to take in the famous sights of North Norway — the Land of the Midnight Sun. It will be even easier to do this in 1972, owing to increased hotel accommodation, particularly in the cities of Bodo and Tromso, both of which are situated beyond the Arctic Circle. Domestic air services from Oslo and Bergen to Bodo and Tromso — and even further north — provide facilities for "Midnight Sun Excursions", leaving Oslo after dinner and returning before breakfast. You lose a night's sleep, but you gain the thrill of a lifetime.

Literature on Norway is available from the Scandinavian National Tourist Offices, 505 Fifth Ave., New York NY 10017, or from 612 S Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

A VALENTINE PIE

This is a most unusual, delicious pie recipe. The crust is different, made of Cheerio crumbs. It is packed with nourishment and so easy to put together. Next is added a "mile high" butterscotch filling, luscious with rich flavor and lighter than air.

This pie could be a beautiful Valentine for your family.

Butterscotch Cheerio Pie

Pie crust:

1½ cups fine Cheerio crumbs (3½ cups Cheerios)

½ cup sugar

6 tablespoons melted butter

1 teaspoon water

1 teaspoon vanilla

Make fine crumbs of the Cheerios by crushing with a rolling pin or by putting in the blender. Combine the crumbs, sugar, butter, water, and vanilla; mix well. Press in an even layer over the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Bake in a 350° oven for 5 minutes. Remove and cool before filling.

Pie Filling:

¾ cup brown sugar

1 envelope unflavored gelatin

½ teaspoon salt

3 eggs, separated

1 tablespoon vanilla

1 cup milk

Mix together ½ cup brown sugar, gelatin, and salt. Stir in the milk and beaten egg yolks. Cook over water in a double boiler until thickened. Stir constantly. Add the vanilla; chill until mixture begins to set, but do not let it become too thick. Beat the egg whites until they hold

Norway Joins Common Market

Norway accepted conditions for joining the European Common Market and signed up at the same time as Britain, Denmark and Ireland on Jan. 22.

The basic issue was what kind of guarantee Norway would get to ensure protection of the livelihood of its fishermen after the initial 10-year period in which national fisheries limits are to remain in force. Norway has a 12-mile fishing limit, but the Common Market fisheries policy is based on free access to fishing waters by Jan. 1, 1983. The countries now in the Common Market are France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg as well as Norway, Denmark, Britain and Ireland.

Ambassador Edvard Hambro has been elected a member of the United Nations Human Rights Commission for a 5-year term. The Commission is headquartered in Geneva.

A joint Nordic ground station for satellite communication between the United States and the Nordic countries was opened in Sweden on December 3. The satellite INTELSAT IV will relay data between the North Atlantic nations.

a peak. Gradually add the remaining ¼ cup brown sugar and continue beating until stiff and glossy. Fold into the gelatin mixture. Pile into the crumb crust. Chill until firm. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

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Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1971

ASSETS

(with comparative figures for 1970)

	This Year	Last Year
Current Assets		
Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 12,775	\$ 32,426
Accounts receivable, rent, catering etc.	2,270	1,579
Inventory of goods for resale, lower of cost or market	552	403
Prepaid expenses	421	421
Guaranteed investment certificate	23,564	21,556
Deposits with air carriers	1,000	4,000
Total current asset	40,582	60,385
Capital Assets		
Land, at cost	10,000	10,000
Building at cost	127,217	127,217
Furniture and fixtures at cost	35,157	28,243
	172,374	165,460
Less: Accumulated depreciation	53,815	53,815
Total capital assets	118,559	111,645
Total assets	159,141	172,030

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DEFICIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

(with comparative figures for 1970)

INCOME		
Hall rentals (statement)	\$ 7,395	\$ 9,545
Social Functions	123	1,416
Charter flights (loss)	- 5,854	4,167
Scandinavian Centre News (Statement)	- 4,109	- 1,398
Interest	2,446	2,359
Gross Income (Net)	1	16,089
EXPENSES		
Administration and general	306	691
Advertising	990	357
Building renovations, repairs	1,648	1,000
Grounds, snow removal	1,115	1,518
Insurance	996	996
Meetings	501	420
Professional fees	2,425	300
Property taxes	4,376	4,328
Total expenses	12,357	9,610
INCOME (LOSS) before depreciation provision	\$ - 12,356	6,479
Provision for depreciation	Nil	6,479
NET LOSS	12,356	Nil
Retained earnings January 1, 1971	692	
Deficit December 31, 1971	11,664	

Approved on behalf of the board

..... Director

..... Director

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY

	This Year	Last Year
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable, trade	984	50
Deposits on future rentals	1,405	990
Deposits on air passage	3,300	9,172
Total current liabilities	5,689	10,663
Shareholder's equity		
Share Capital		
Authorized: Unlimited number of shares at \$50.00 each.		
Issued and subscribed	176,219	171,780
Deduct: Subscriptions receivable	8,345	8,345
Commissions on shares	2,760	2,760
Total share capital	165,114	160,675
Retained earnings (deficit)	- 11,664	692
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	159,141	172,030

STATEMENT OF HALL RENTALS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

(with comparative figures for 1970)

REVENUE		
Viking room	\$ 12,615	\$ 13,278
Nordic room	4,512	5,495
Dania room	2,366	2,950
Corkage, mix sundry	8,016	9,202
Goods for resale	205	-
Commissions - catering	4,570	4,336
Coat checks	640	1,095
Total revenue	32924	36,356
EXPENSES		
Advertising	184	78
Bad debts	175	-
Bank charges	127	157
Car allowance	288	300
Canada Pension Plan	134	130
Cash shortage	332	-
Equipment and building maintenance	852	1,265
Garbage removal	319	238
Heat	398	365
Ice	602	563
Janitors wages	5,133	4,780
Kitchenware	1,005	-
Miscellaneous	329	709
Linen, laundry	329	1,293
Mix	3,144	2,437
Office supplies	266	890
Salary, manager	6,579	5,825
Supplies	1,481	1,996
Utilities	2,022	2,942
Wages, other	1,455	2,538
Workmen's Compensation	227	180
Unemployment Insurance	148	125
Total expense	25,529	26,811
Net Hall Rental Income	7,395	9,545

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE NEWS

STATEMENT OF LOSS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1971

EXPENSES		
Printing	\$ 5,445	
Mailing	1,672	
Editor	3,047	
Office and General	226	
Total expenses	10,390	
REVENUE		
Advertising	\$ 5,566	
Donations	715	
		6,281
Excess of expenses over revenue		\$ 4,109

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited.

I have examined the balance sheet of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Limited and at December 31, 1971 and the statement of income and deficit for the year ended on that date. My examination included such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion the accompanying balance sheet and statement of income and deficit present fairly the financial position of the association as at December 31, 1971 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistant with those of the prior year except with regard to depreciation.

W. K. Broen, Chartered Accountant

January 15th, 1972

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Many of the share subscriptions receivable are uncollectable.
2. Neither trade accounts receivable or share subscriptions receivable were confirmed by the auditor.
3. No provision for depreciation has been made this year. Last year depreciation was provided for only to the extent necessary to bring net income to nil.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

(This is the only notice that shareholders will receive)

Annual General Meeting

OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

WHEN -

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1972

WHERE -

The Viking Room at the
SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
14220 - 125th Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

AGENDA -

- REGISTRATION: 7:30 - 8:00 P.M.
- READING OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING
- DIRECTORS REPORT
- AUDITORS REPORT
- BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES AND REPORTS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
- ELECTION OF AUDITOR AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- COFFEE AND CAKES

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Script Writer



LES MORRIS

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c) What participation by individuals and groups would you recommend?

Your response will provide the government of Alberta with important information in preparation for The Cultural Heritage Conference next June 16, 17 and 18.

Please forward your suggestions in writing before March 1, 1972. to:

W. H. Kaasa, Director
Cultural Development Branch
Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation
CN Tower, Edmonton

Hon. Horst. A. Schmid, Minister
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DANIA DOINGS

By Vera Nielsen

As we mentioned in the last issue, Feb. 18 will be a big nite "Carnival in Monte Carlo". If you come in costume (as we hope you will) you get in free. There will be Games and Fun for everyone and dancing to good Music by Reuben Missal (the same as Jan. 8 where everybody had a good time). Please do come and bring your friends, also, so they can have a good time, too. This is different, something we never had before.

Whistdrive in February will be on Tues., Feb. 8, and keep March 7 in mind, too. Hope to see many attend these Whist evenings.

"BIKUBEN" will meet the third Monday in the month. This month will be Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at 12424 - 141 Street.

January 8 was a big success. The Hall was filled to capacity and it looked like everybody there had a good time and enjoyed themselves. We had to turn quite a few away, as the tickets were sold out. Let us hear how you like a "do" like this. Do you prefer "Smorrebrod" or a hot meal? We sure would like to get your opinion on this. Just write to the secretary, Vera Nielsen, 12424 - 141 St. or give her a phone call at 454-5438, as we would very much like to know for further activities we will have during the season. You are the customers and we aim to please

you, if we can.

The membership draw was won by Eric Eisner, 15703 - 79A Ave. for \$20.00 but as he was enjoying himself in Hawaii, he was not present. Next Draw will be Feb. 18 for \$25.00, so do try to be there. Who knows, maybe you will be the lucky one next time.

The Draw for the Texas Mickey went to Mr. Stan Gossen and Mr. Wayne Johnson who were very happy. They said they had never won anything in their lives before.

Remember to tune in to the Danish Program over CKUA with Erik Pedersen, on Feb. 20 and March 5 and 19. See the Ad in this paper.

News From The Danish ChurchBy Pastor O. Filtenborg
WEDDINGS

Dennis Albert Tucker and Inger Olsen, both of Edmonton.

John Walter Reece of Winnipeg and Tove Weilby Paulsen of Sherwood Park.

Ansgar Young People's Group gathers in the church basement the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The first part of the evening they play ping pong, checkers, chess and other games or listen to their records. Later on pop or coffee is served with cookies and they often have a discussion. Usually once a month they have some activity such as a hayride, roller skating, ice skating or a party. All young people from the age of 13 are welcome.

Ansgar Men's Club invites all men.

At the meeting in January, Jens Woller showed a film from a trip to Mexico, and at the meeting on Mon., Feb. 14 we shall see a film from India.

The English speaking Ladies' Aid has its meeting Feb. 2, and The Danish Young Women's Club has its meeting Feb. 23. Bible Study Evening will be on Wed., Feb. 16 where we shall talk about the Book of Lamentations from the Old Testament.

There are services every Sunday at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at the same time. On the last Sunday in February (Feb. 27) there will be a Danish evening service and a social after the service.

DENMARK

Some famous Danes you ought to know

By Vera Nielsen

Hans Christian Andersen (1805 - 1875). Poet and author of fairytales; in Denmark always called H. C. Andersen, in the English-speaking world: Hans Christian Andersen. Born in very poor circumstances, he never, throughout life, succeeded in getting rid of an inferiority complex being at the same time possessed by an ardent craving for greatness and fame. At all costs he wanted a position in the limelight and tried his luck at the theatre both as an actor, singer and ballet-dancer, all without success. Began to write and published countless novels, stories, plays, opera-texts, patriotic songs, genre descriptions, nursery rhymes, etc., but the greater part are nowadays read only for reasons of literary historical interest. Then, in 1835, ap-

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MAPS ARE WONDERFUL

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A quick look shows you that Scandinavia is practically surrounded by sea. On the west coast of Norway, the sea's giant fingers dig deep into the landscape to form fjords, and where the fjords meet steeply rising cliffs and splashing waterfalls, the results are spectacular. In Denmark, the sea has carved out 500 gems of islands, big and small, befitting its fairyland character. Rivers, too, streak Scandinavia's landscape with silver threads, and lakes sparkle like diamonds by the thousands. Finland alone counts 60,000 lakes dotted by innumerable islands and has Europe's largest lake system. The archipelagoes along Sweden's 4700-mile coastline are among that country's prize attractions. On Iceland — land of ice and fire — hot springs heat the capital, and offshore volcanic islands rise tumultuously to the surface of the sea.

All this water must have played an important part in Scandinavia's history, one might guess, and in deed it did, because Scandinavians have been seafarers for at least 1200 years, since Danish and Norwegian Vikings sailed westward to England, Ireland and Normandy, and Swedish Vikings ventured south into the land that became known as Russia. Eventually, Vikings also reached North America, 500 years before Columbus.

MAPS CAN BE MISLEADING, TOO

Little Denmark, for example, looks too small on a map, and yet she crams more delightful attractions into her 16,600 square miles than bigger countries do. Finland seems far away on a map, yet today's modern transportation makes her no less accessible than the rest of Europe. Much of Norway is above the Arctic circle, but the warm waters of the Gulf Stream — combined, in summer, with the Midnight Sun — make the "Top of Europe" an enchanting holiday land. In heavily forested Sweden, white-stemmed birches, open fields and clusters of red cottages strike an idyllic note. Iceland, with hardly any trees at all, presents a new and pristine world to the sophisticated traveler.

GETTING AROUND IS EASY

Although Scandinavia embraces 450,000 square miles, making her the largest area in Europe except for the Soviet Union, Scandinavia is probably one of the easiest places to explore, because of her vast network of modern transportation facilities. Air routes linking all tourist

peared his first fairytales and by these he won that fame which he so ardently craved for.

Andersen himself calls them "children's tales", but in many ways they are rather better reading for adults; they often, with bitterness, depict how shams and counterfeits always triumph in life, and at other times how truth and goodness always conquer and attain their rightful place in the end.

With his "fairytales", H. C. Andersen won worldwide fame and he took a rather childlike delight in the honours, titles and decorations that were bestowed upon him. Many of the "fairytales", like "The Tinder Box", "The Princess on the Pea", "Little Ida's Flowers", "The Steadfast Soldier", "The Emperor's New Clothes", "The Ugly Duckling", and others have, by now, been translated into 22 different languages. Hans Christian Andersen

lies buried in Copenhagen. areas make the Top of Europe as accessible as the popular capitals. New ferries combine the luxuries of transatlantic passenger lines with the most advanced amenities for carrying automobiles. Hydrofoils speed across water routes in a fraction of the time it took yesterday's steamers. Electrified railways provide superb services, and well-kept roads permit the bus traveler and motorist to wander far off the beaten path, from the "green roads" of Denmark to the Arctic highways linking northern Finland, Sweden and Norway.

On Iceland the domestic airline operates fourteen routes. During summer there are regular boat services along parts of the coast. A Scandinavian specialty is the tour that is also a means of transportation. In other words, you are not just taken to see the sights and returned to where you came from, but you are carried, with your baggage, from one major centre to another, hitting all the highlights en route. You can fit the tours together, like pieces in a jigsaw puzzle, to suit your personal preferences and the time you have at your disposal.

When you leave gay Copenhagen, for example, there are several ways to see Denmark's fairy-tale countryside of thatched roofed farm houses, tiny towns where geese walk up narrow, cobble stone streets and the moated castles which inspired Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.

The most popular route leads you in four days to Gothenburg, Sweden, or to Oslo, Norway. Or, why not take a plane or a car-ferry to Helsinki, Finland, and start your Scandinavian round trip from there?

From Gothenburg, the routes to Stockholm, "the city on the water", usually include the idyllic Gota Canal district. More southerly routes from Copenhagen via Malmo, Sweden, take you through the Chateaux Country, with more than 80 castles — many open to visitors — and through the Glass District, where 40 factories, working in charming settings, produce the beautiful Swedish glass.

From Stockholm to Oslo, Norway, choose between the folklore province of Dalarna, whose inhabitants proudly cling to colorful traditions, and the Swedish Lake District, so rich in literary mementos. Or turn east from Stockholm to Finland, where other tours from Helsinki, "the white city of the north", show you Aulanko, Finland's most fashionable resort, in a national park near Sibelius' birthplace, or focus attention on the vast Eastern lake district, where white steamers take you from one little town to the other.

From Oslo, the Viking capital, almost all roads lead to the fjords of western Norway and culminate in Bergen, the capital city of Norway's Fjord Country. But increasingly, eyes turn to northern Scandinavia, where nomadic Lapps tend reindeer herds, the Midnight Sun is visible from May through July and rushing rivers rich in salmon attract sportsmen. Tours from Helsinki, Stockholm and Oslo, take you there and often include the North Cape, the 1,000-foot-high rock which marks Europe's northernmost point.

Have we covered every place on the map? Indeed not, for Scandinavia hides other untold scenic treasures. We offer this only as a start in the hope that the map will help you discover your own favorite spot and that you'll come back and tell us about it. Plan your visit to pleasant Scandinavia now. Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden are waiting to welcome you.

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Travelling In NorSweDen

By Leslie L. Morris

Time had passed very quickly the five days that we had spent in Oslo, and yet for all the things we did and saw it seemed as though we had been there for months. It's amazing how much a person can cram into one's memory in a short time.

We had made arrangements to go to Trondheim by train leaving the East Station at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, July 20. We were going to use our Eurail-pass for the first time which would last only 21 days.

We were sorry to have to leave our Oslo but we knew we would be back a few times before the end of our trip, so we left with no remorse.

As I look back I am quite amazed at the easiness with which we were able to talk in English to the people at the hotels and railway stations. Most were young girls and spoke with a good command of the English language. I also remember these girls being quite beautiful and helpful, and they could speak some other language or languages as well.

As I was lined up to get our tickets at the station, a young girl in her teens was in front of me. She had a pack sack and dressed for outdoor travelling with a Canadian flag emblem on her pack. I said "Hello," to her and told her I was Canadian and asked her where she was from. She told me "Toronto". I don't know who else was accompanying her but I thought how brave this young girl was to be travelling around like this.

But then we ran into quite a few of these travellers from North America. For lack of a better word I nicknamed them "trippies" because they were not exactly hippies but most of them just wanting to travel and looking for adventure. This took the place of travelling with the services which I did just about the same time in my life.

On our way up to Trondheim we happened to get in the same compartment as a young man from the States who was travelling around Europe. He was a graduate from university, had done a spell in Viet Nam and was now doing his thing.

He was a very interesting person and as we talked he said I reminded him of his father the way I talked. I hope he liked his father — anyway I was flattered because his father was a doctor. We all spent a very interesting and enjoyable day exchanging quite a pleasant conversation. He was going as far north as his Eurailpass would take him so he could see the midnight sun.

This was one of the reasons why Beth and I were going to Trondheim even though I knew it really wasn't far enough north.

Going up we took the west line, called the Dovre Line, and on the way back we took the Rauma Line which goes on the east side.

"The Dovre Line follows the ancient path that linked southern and northern Norway, and in the course of a few hours' travelling between Oslo and Trondheim it affords a cross-section of Norway's interior.

"Leaving Oslo we entered the wide farmlands of the east. After an hour we passed Eidsvoll, where Norway's Constitution was promulgated in 1814. At Minnesund we reached Lake Mjosa, Norway's biggest lake, with an area of 140 square miles, on which a more than 100 year old paddle steamer still plies in the summer months. From Hamar (among sights worth seeing is the Railway Museum which we did not stop to see) the line continues through charming agricultural communities to Lillehammer, a popular holiday centre, well

known for the Sandvig Folk Museum at Maihaugen. After Lillehammer we entered the Gudbrandsdal, 'the Valley of Valleys'. The milky green waters of the river Lagen bespeak the fact that it has its source in mountain glaciers. People endeavour to retain the characteristic traditional building customs even in present days, and the farms can be seen in serried ranks up the mountain sides.

"There are several large centres in the Gudbrandsdal, e.g. Otta, which is a starting point for traffic to West Norway. In the west lies the craggy mountain world of the Jotunheim, and to the north-west is the mighty massif of Rondane. At Dombas we reached the junction of the Rauma Line, but we were going higher, and to reach the mountain plateau high above, the Dovre line enters the 865 yard long Grondbogen double-back tunnel. Leaving this, the line continues in a curve across the Fokstu marshes, which are renowned for their rich flora and unique bird life. The area is protected by law. Hjerkind is the highest situated station on the Dovre line, altitude 3365 ft. The great mountain range in the west is dominated by Mount Snohetta (7498 ft.). Wild reindeer frequently roam right down to the railway line here, and in the mountains there is a transplanted herd of musk-oxen.

"On the journey down the wild Drivdalen valley we could see the peaks of the Trollheimen mountains. Between cuttings and tunnels there are magnificent views. At Storen we met the Roros line, and we continued through wide farm lands with homesteads in typical Trondelag style, to the end of our journey — Trondheim, the city with Norway's most beautiful Cathedral, where pilgrims once prayed at the grave of Olav the Holy."

We arrived about 5:30 p.m. after travelling since 9:00 a.m. I will say the trains are very similar to ours here with first class compartments which hold 10 passengers and are extremely clean. Many are electric, which helps to keep them clean, especially through so many tunnels. They had girls cleaning the windows and hallways, as well as girls who sold drinks and sandwiches. It was an enjoyable trip. This train even had a 110 volt plug in so I had a shave.

Downtown Trondheim is mostly situated on a bulbous peninsula bordered by the Trondheimfjord and the Nidelva River. Arriving at the station we checked our bags while we walked up the street to the Tourist Information Bureau.

They were busy and the girls giving information seemed to have a little trouble with explicit English, however we finally were able to get a hotel room through them. We paid 5 NK (60c) for this service and walked to the hotel she indicated on the map.

We had chosen the Sentrum Hotel in the very heart of Trondheim. It was a very modern hotel and the "double bedded" room we got cost 94 NK (\$13.10) per night. It is noted for its choice and tasty food, with all the modern conveniences of luxury living.

We had a hard time talking with the young girl who was looking after the desk for she could speak no English even though their circular boasts being able to speak Norwegian, English and German. We finally got a room and key, then we went back to the station and retrieved our baggage and returned to settle in.

We'd gotten our usual quota of folders and information from the tourist bureau and we scanned the contents for some place to go in

NORDSTJERNAN NEWS

By Phyllis Tapio

The January meeting was held on the 8th at Lone Ridge Hall. The meeting was called to order by past Chairman George Sjogren in the place of Chairman Louis Thorsen who was caught by the flu bug.

The main business was the installation of officers. Many thanks to the Buford Drill Team for coming to conduct the installation ceremony.

George, Doris and Elva Modin, from Buford, were also in attendance at the meeting.

Get well wishes are going out to John Holmlund who hasn't been feeling well lately.

Ron and Dawn Holmlund and their boys, Earl and Nelson, spent the week before Christmas in Vancouver, visiting relatives.

Sherry Edin, from Calgary, spent the holidays at home with her parents, Dan and Bertha Edin.

Congratulations to Sharon and Morely Cook on the birth of a baby girl, Jodie Lee, who was born Jan. 3. Charlie and Mabel Tapio are the proud grandparents.

Also congratulations to Randy Holmlund and Jeanette Paradis who will be married on Jan. 22.

The lodge curling bonspiel will be held Feb. 11 and 12 at Usona Curling Rink.

Also the annual bowling tournament will be held Sun., Feb. 27 at Western Lanes in Wetaskiwin at 1:00 p.m.

On Feb. 19 we are celebrating our lodge's 40th anniversary in the evening at Lone Ridge Hall.

In a double decker bus in Las Vegas a rather drunk man was sitting beside the driver. He annoyed the driver so much that the driver told the drunk that he would probably like the top deck better, "More air, better view." So the drunk climbed up, but was back shortly. The driver said: "What's wrong, don't you like it up there?" The drunk said: "Yep, but it ain't safe — no driver."

Trondheim. Being too late for tours and much sightseeing, we decided to just roam around the city centre which was concentrated in a small area and see what we could see for ourselves.

I wanted a beer, so we wandered around until we came across The Landlord which advertised itself as an English pub. Hoping we would find someone who might talk English we entered and lo and behold, the proprietor could understand it but could speak very little. Nevertheless, beer was a familiar word and by this time I had learned that the export beer was the strongest, so this is what I had. Beth had a pop.

We had regained our appetite by now so we went upstairs to the restaurant part and had a delicious dinner. I had boiled cod and it was exactly as it is made at the Torske Clubben even to the Aquavit.

After we had finished we didn't realize it was so late. It was 11:30 p.m. and it was still light out. We laughed as we walked home, for this is what we had come up for and it had slipped our mind. As Beth tells it: "You could read the newspaper at midnight without a light."

We had had a travelling day and although we hadn't done much, what with the outing in Oslo the night before, we were a little beat so we went to bed by daylight with great anticipation for the next day and a closer look at Trondheim. We were to be pleasantly surprised.

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ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

By Lillian MacPherson

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri., Feb. 4 — 8:00 P.M. — Executive meeting at the home of Gunnar Thorvaldson.

Tues., Feb. 22 — 8:30 P.M. — Coffee party, Scandinavian Centre, for Heimar Hanneson.

Sat., Feb. 26 — Scandapades Jubilee Auditorium.

Sun., Feb. 27 — Thorablott, Scandinavian Centre. Annual meeting of

the Icelandic Society, including elections. You will be telephoned about food.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sumarlidason, 14084 Coldicott Avenue, White Rock, B.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nominating Committee for elections include Earl Valgardson, Gunnar Thorvaldson, Barney Thorlakson, Al Arnason and Jo Wetterberg.

It's membership renewal time again (where has the year gone?) Please fill out this form and return to our membership chairman, Beulah Arason, 7615 Rowland, Rd., Edmonton.

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PERSONALS

Marion Arnason was in hospital over Christmas having surgery on her knee.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurdur Arason of International Falls, Minn., Walter Arason's parents, spent Christmas and New Years in Edmonton with Walter and Beulah.

Ingolfur Bjarnason from Brandon has been in Edmonton since before Christmas visiting with his daughters Ninna Campbell and Hulda Yelic.

Marino and Phyllis Kristjanson were pleased to have their daughter Marina Novakowsky and family from British Columbia, and Phyllis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green from Saskatoon, with them over the holiday season.

Solli Sigurdson spent a week in Edmonton in January before he left for England, where he will finish up his sabbatical year in Cambridge. En route to England, he planned to stop off in Reykjavik.

Saga Singers' activities in December included singing Christmas carols, both in English and Icelandic, at the Holyrood Home for Senior Citizens, and taping two Icelandic carols for MEETA. These were televised on the evening of Dec. 24.

Many thanks to Margaret Cameron and her committee for arranging a fine Christmas party, which included performances by the many talented children, two films for the children, a lovely lunch and good fellowship.

My apologies for missing the paper last month. December was too busy for me. If you have any news, be sure to give me a call at 422-7557 after 6:00, or drop me a line at 7870 Jasper Ave.

PAELLA VALENCIANA RECIPE

This is the most commonly known Spanish main course. Different provinces create their Paella with the local foods, and very often the ingredients are determined by the cook's mood.

2 - 3 lb. broiler, cut up
1/2 cup corn oil
2 large onions, chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 green peppers, in 1" pieces
2 cups of raw rice
28 oz. can tomatoes
2 1/4 cups hot water
1/2 tsp. saffron
1 - 1 1/2 lbs. fresh boiled lobster or 2 cans lobster, 8 oz. ea.
1 lb. fresh shrimp or 2 cans shrimp, 6 oz. ea.
10 oz. can clams, minced or 1 - 2 dozen fresh clams in shell, scrubbed
1 dry Spanish sausage (chorizo)*
1/2 cup sherry
10 oz. pkg. frozen or 2 cups cooked peas
salt and pepper to taste

Brown the chicken pieces slowly in the oil in a heavy paella pan or an electric fry pan. Add onions, garlic, green peppers; cover and simmer 20 minutes over low heat.

Pour rice over chicken and vegetables. Add undrained tomatoes, 2 cups of the hot water, and saffron dissolved in remaining hot water. Stir until well mixed, cover and cook over low heat 20 minutes, or until rice is tender.

Add lobster, shrimp and clams (as is if fresh, undrained if canned). Arrange sliced sausage in pan, add sherry and cook over low heat 20 minutes. Heat peas, add and toss lightly — use a wooden spoon or fork gently so as not to mash the ingredients — then taste for season-

ICELANDIC VISITOR TO EDMONTON

Icelandic Society to be Hosts

By Lillian MacPherson

Heimar Hanneson from Iceland will be stopping in Edmonton on Feb. 22. He is co-editor of *Atlantica-Iceland Review* and is also chairman of the committee which is arranging the celebration of 1,000 years of settlement in 1974. In this latter capacity, he will be seeking out talent amongst the Icelanders in Canada.

Before coming to Edmonton, he will speak at the annual meeting of the Icelandic Society in Winnipeg. During his very short stay in Edmonton, Mr. Hanneson will be entertained by the Icelandic Society at a coffee party in the Scandinavian Centre. Everyone is welcome to meet this distinguished visitor.

After his stop in Edmonton he will go to Markerville, Calgary and Vancouver.

Mail Carrier From North Spends A "First Time" In Hospital

By Margaret Cameron

Mr. Jake Gislason, from Athabasca, was transferred from Athabasca to the University Hospital where he underwent surgery. He has recovered and is now back on the job.

Jake is very well known in the Athabasca-Calling Lake districts. He has served the Calling Lake mail route, along with the Big Coulee, Deep Creek, Richmond Park and Mercury Post Offices since 1932 and his father, the late Mr. G. O. Gislason, had carried the mail for twelve years prior to that.

Jake was born in Westburn, Man., in 1910 and came west with his parents and 1 year old sister, Carrie, in 1912 to make their home at Athabasca Landing, and later Calling Lake. Mr. Gislason is married, has 2 daughters and 2 sons along with 4 grandchildren.

Soups In Icelandic Cookery

By Lillian MacPherson

A meal isn't complete in Iceland without soup — and they don't open a can to prepare it either. Cream soups are very popular, made with mushrooms, perhaps, or asparagus. Fish soups and kjotsoupa, which is made with fresh meat, barley and turnips, are also served. The cream soups are deliciously rich — and fattening I'm sure.

I had never before tasted sweetened soups, and was pleasantly surprised at the taste of this delicacy. One type I had was brauthsoupa, which turned out to be a meal in itself. It is made with rye bread, sugar and raisins. Old rye bread is soaked in water for a day, after it is put through a sieve. It is then heated, water added if necessary. Sugar and raisins are added at the end, and this is served with a dab of whipped cream on top. The lady serving in the KEA Matstofa in Akureyri advised me not to try it, but I really enjoyed it for my lunch one day.

Saetsoupa is served as a dessert, either hot or cold (we had it both ways). Dried apples and apricots are soaked in water, and then heated through. Sugar is added, and the broth is thickened with potato flour. Either serve hot or allow to cool (which results in a jelly-like texture). Of course, it is served with cream. It really tastes marvellous.

Henrietta Crawford

By Margaret Cameron

A well known pioneer of the Athabasca district passed away in Edmonton on Oct. 31. Mrs. Crawford was born in North Dakota, U.S.A., Dec. 19, 1905 and immigrated to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uchytel, in 1907.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley, in 1968. She leaves to mourn her death one daughter, Mrs. Jean Bissell of Wabasca, two sons, Ralph of Edmonton and Frank of Athabasca, 15 grandchildren and one great grandson; three sisters, Mrs. G. (Rose) Le Master of Cranbrook, Mrs. Anne Knoeppel and Mrs. Mary Vestnys, both of California; and 8 brothers, Joe Uchytel of Calling Lake, Frank Uchytel of Red Deer, John, Tony, Tom, Charles and Henry, all of California and Edward of Eugene, Oregon.

Funeral services were held at All Saints Anglican Church in Athabasca. Reverend Bruce Rathbone officiated and interment was at the Athabasca cemetery. Organist was Mrs. Otto. Pall bearers were Mr. Ed Vadheim, Harry Webb, James Webb, Mike Rogers, Frank Appleby and Hal Pawson.

Henrietta and Stanley Crawford will long be remembered and missed by their many friends who spent summer holidays at the well known spot, "Crawford Beach" at Calling Lake, where a warm welcome awaited all travellers and holiday-ers and the memorable bonfire and barbeques in the evening when all campers were welcome.

The Icelandic Society wish to join in expressing sincere sympathy to all their family and all concerned.

Farewell Party for Sumarlidasons

By Lillian MacPherson

The farewell coffee party for Lillian and Henry Sumarlidason was held in the Dania Room of the Scandinavian Centre. The Sumarlidasons reminisced with the group

ing. Serves 8.

*If you can't find this in cans, or hanging from the ceiling in import grocery stores, use 1/2 lb. of salami, or any hot smoked sausage.

there about earlier years in the Society by showing their slides of past picnics and other festivities. They were presented with a beautiful book, a history of Canada, copiously illustrated, by W. Kaye Lamb, former National librarian and archivist. We shall all miss Lillian and Henry very much, but do hope that they enjoy their new home in White Rock, B.C. The weather there should be better, anyway!!

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Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

WAR Part II

Ingrid: We talked about individual combats on the last program. When the Vikings fought in groups, did they use any special formations or was it a man to man battle?

Dr. Bourassa: Well, I suppose most battles become pretty confused so that much of the fighting was man to man. The Vikings did have a few formations they used. An offensive formation frequently mentioned is the "swine array". I suppose we would call it a "flying wedge". It was formed by two men who locked shields, behind them three men, and behind them five men. The men in front were called the snout of the formation. The swine array could be used to break through enemy ranks. Also a defensive formation called the "shield wall" was used. The men would gather in a tight circle with shields touching and attempt to beat off an attack. These formations were probably learned in earlier centuries from the Roman Legions.

When larger armies were gathered they were divided into smaller units usually made up of men who were from a particular area and who knew one another. The positions of the leader was marked by banners and served as a focal point for his man. There was not too much of an attempt to really control and coordinate each unit so that probably most battles did finally depend on individual combat.

The Vikings almost always fought on foot. They often used horses to move around on but when ready to join battle they always dismounted. The use of horses allowed them to range a long way from the seashore or river bank and to attack far inland from their ships. Such tactics created fear and confusion among their enemies.

I might also mention that when armies met, there seems to have been certain rules or customs that were often followed. For example, the battle field might be marked out by one side or the other and the battle might be delayed until one side was dismounted or put ashore from ships. Men were summoned together for battle by means of messengers carrying what was called a war arrow. The messengers were supposed to keep the war arrow moving both night and day. If the war arrow was brought to where a woman lived alone she was expected to contribute ships or food. If the arrow came to a man's house he was summoned within five days. And if anyone refused to go they were outlawed.

Special shields could be used to signify peaceful or warlike intentions. The peace shields were white, and when hoisted on a ship or displayed in the midst of a group of warriors, was a sign they came in peace or to stop fighting. The war shield was red and its appearance meant hostilities were about to begin.

Ingrid: Did the Vikings have any special strategies or tricks that made them such feared warriors?

Dr. Bourassa: The Vikings were clever enough to employ numerous tricks. I'll describe some in a moment but I think it should be emphasized that the main advantage the Vikings had was their ability to strike suddenly and unexpectedly and to vanish again without fear of pursuit. As we said before the Viking's weapons and armour was no better than anyone else's.

Now some of the tricks the Vikings used. These sorts of things emphasize that the Vikings were more than just crude, simple minded barbarians, but rather they were fairly expert psychologists. For example in the saga of Hakon the Good it tells how Hakon's forces are attacked by a much larger force. Things looked bleak for Hakon but one old man, Egil Ullserk, them engaged in practices similar

to the Vikings. The Vikings lived who in his youth had fought by the side of Hakon's father, Harald Fairhair, asked for ten men with ten standards. He marched these ten men up a hill behind the enemy forces so the enemy could see the standards. Seeing the standards they believed a much larger force was approaching and some broke formation to run away. Hakon's men could maintain formation and cut down the disorganized enemy. In another case it is said that fleeing Vikings, about to be overtaken by the enemy, were able to make a barricade out of slain animals which delayed the pursuing forces long enough to allow escape.

Not all battles were fought in the open of course. The Vikings often attacked fortified positions. The Vikings learned the use of various siege engines which were in common use at the time. That is, slings or catapults which would hurl rocks at city walls, covered battering rams and so on. But the Vikings also used other techniques to get at heavily defended cities. King Harald's saga tells of several of these methods. In one case the Vikings netted birds which flew out of the fortified city for food. They tied small wood shavings with sulphur to the birds and set fire to them. The birds flew back to the city and started an enormous fire. The defenders were, of course, forced to flee. In another case Harald's men managed to dig a tunnel under the city walls and attack through it. At another city Harald pretended illness. Spies from the city were allowed to "discover" Harald was dying. The entire Viking army appeared to be in great despair. It was finally reported that Harald was dead and some of his men asked that the local priests grant him burial inside in the city. It is said each of the townspeople associated with the churches were eager to have the corpse for his own church because they realized that rich offerings would accompany the funeral. Of course, when the Vikings entered the city the coffin was used to block open the gates and the town was overrun. Many more examples might be given. The main point is that the Vikings were clever and adaptable people who could find a way to get the job done.

Ingrid: You have talked about battles on land, but what about sea battles? How did the Vikings fight at sea?

Dr. Bourassa: Well, most European countries had no real sailors so the Vikings pretty much controlled the sea. The biggest sea battles we have records of were fought between the Vikings themselves. As an example of a sea battle we might consider King Olaf's last battle. For various reasons King Olaf had made a number of enemies who gathered a large fleet. This fleet lay in hiding while Olaf's fleet sailed by. A number of his ships were allowed to pass so that the hidden fleet could concentrate its efforts on Olaf's ship, the Long Serpent. Finally the Long Serpent was seen and the hidden fleet sailed out. The ships with Olaf saw they were outnumbered, but Olaf refused to flee, and arrayed the ships for battle. The ships were tied together, with enough space between them so oars could still be used. This prevented the enemy from separating the ships and massing to attack one or the other. The Long Serpent was allowed to extend slightly forward of the other ships so it could bear the brunt of the attack. The enemy drew straws to see who would attack the Long Serpent. The fleets ran toward one another and as shooting range was reached clouds of arrows filled the air. Throwing distance was reached and spears and javelins were hurled. This was similar to the beginning of a land battle. Then the ships assigned to attack the Long

Serpent grappled with it and hand combat with swords and spears started. Some of the other ships laid back and provided a covering fire of arrows. Olaf's ship and the two others on each side, the Chort Serpent and the Crane, had higher freeboards than the attackers so the men on these ships had the advantage of height and drove off the first onslaught. Another attack was mounted on the centre of Olaf's line but was also beaten off. In the meantime Earl Erik was leading his ships against the outermost ships in Olaf's line. Overrunning these ships he cut them adrift. The defenders retreated toward Olaf's ship until only the Long Serpent remained. Earl Erik's rammed Olaf's ship with five of his best galleys and then laid alongside. Olaf's men managed to hold their own, aided in a great part by the bow work of Einar Thambarskelver, who was the most renowned bowman of the time, and used an extremely powerful bow. Finally an arrow struck Einar's bow just as he was about to shoot and the bow broke. "What is it that broke," cried King Olaf, "with such a noise?" "Norway, King, from your hands," answered Einar.

However, the battle continued. Olaf's enemies had great difficulty in boarding his ship because of the height of the gunwales. According to some sources an old chieftan, Thorkel the High, finally advised Erik that he must take heavy timbers in his boat and let them fall on the gunwhale of Olaf's boat thereby causing it to list and so make boarding easier. Whether or not this procedure worked is not clear but whatever the reason, Olaf's ship was finally boarded. Most of the crew were killed but a few, including Olaf, plunged into the sea to drown rather than surrender or be defeated. This gives some picture of sea battles.

Ingrid: Did the Vikings ever build fortresses?

Dr. Bourassa: Yes. This may not be so well known, but the Vikings did build some well protected fortresses and towns. If you remember the program on East Viking we mentioned several trading centres very cleverly built so as to make attack extremely difficult. Fortified cities were built in many areas in the world including Ireland, England and Russia. Several large fortified towns have been discovered in Denmark. They are said to be laid out with great precision and protected by thick walls, moats and so on. The famous Dane Virke is another type of defensive barricade. It runs for almost 9 miles across the base of the Jutland peninsula. This is a massive and complex system of fortifications erected to protect Denmark against attacks of the Franks and Saxons. So the Vikings were not just battle mad maniacs but skilled and dedicated warriors who could build forts as well as destroy them.

Ingrid: The Vikings are often said to have been feared because they were extremely cruel. Is that true?

Dr. Bourassa: By our standards it is certainly true that the Vikings were cruel. Especially in the early period of their raids they showed little regard for human life. No one, man, woman or child, was safe from them. An old account tells of the Northmen killing children by throwing them into the air and catching them on their spears. One man who refused to do so was derisively nicknamed "Children's Friend". Another practice of the Northman was to carve the blood eagle. This was done by cutting the ribs, along the spine spreading them apart and pulling out the lungs. These are extreme examples of course.

In general the Vikings were no more cruel than other people living at the same time, almost all of under a fairly clear set of laws and in other programs we have mentioned cases of loyalty and self sacrifice among the Vikings so

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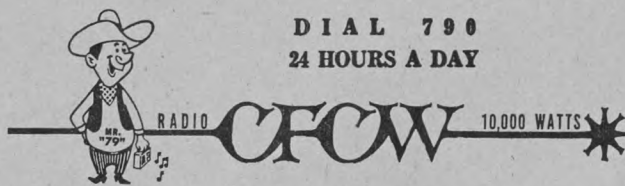
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they were not an especially cruel that helped make the Scandinavian people. We must remember also that Viking mythology emphasized the honor of dying by the sword. So in many respects the Viking acts were far less hypocritical than the equally cruel acts of supposedly more christian people.

Ingrid: What would you say made the Vikings such great warriors?

Dr. Bourassa: As I've said earlier I think the Viking success in warfare was due to the same factors that helped make the Scandinavians of that time world explorers, successful merchants, and colonists. Namely, a pragmatic view of the world, great adaptability, creativeness and willingness to strive for success despite great obstacles. Many of these characteristics as well as the legal systems of Scandinavia had a great influence on the course of development of life in Europe. In later programs we will try to tell how these Scandinavian influences shape our present life.